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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: BRAY et al.

Application No./Patent No.: N/A Filed/Issue Date: N/A

Entitled: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACKING SMOKING ARTICLES

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Robert Bob Drakeford

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
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Whereas, (the “**Inventors**”), **Andrew Jonathan Bray**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain; **Alan Douglas Tearle**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain; and, **Steven Holford**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain, have invented certain improvements in an **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACKING SMOKING ARTICLES**, (the “**Invention**”), and have executed a U.S. utility patent application for United States Letters Patent of the same title, herewith (the “**Application**”), claiming priority as a ‘371 filing from PCT/GB2004/005027, filed on November 30, 2004, which claims priority to and benefit from U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/795,775, filed on March 8, 2004, now U.S. Patent Number 6,941,728, issued on September 13, 2005, and claims priority to and benefit from Great Britain Patent Application Serial Number GB0327823.1, filed on December 1, 2003; and,



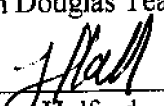
Whereas, (the “**Assignee**”), **British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited**, a corporation existing under the laws of England and Wales, whose post office address is Globe House, 1 Water Street, London, United Kingdom WC2R 3LA (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire our entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and **Invention**, and any United States patents to be obtained therefor,

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said **Assignee**, the entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and the **Invention** disclosed therein for the United States of America, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States. I agree to cooperate with **Assignee**, and to execute without


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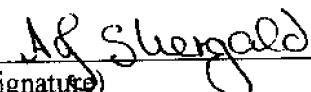
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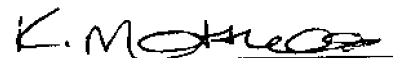

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